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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM VISIT TO EGYPT

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1. OUR EGYPTIAN CONTACTS HAVE GIVEN US IMPRESSION THAT
LITTLE OF IMPORTANCE TOOK PLACE DURING WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO
CAIRO, BUT THAT EGYPTIANS CONSIDER IT A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

2. EGYPTIAN EXPECTATIONS WERE NOT HIGH. THEY UNDERSTOOD
WALDHEIM TO BE ON FACT-FINDING TOUR WITHOUT SPECIFIC
FORMULATIONS OR PROPOSALS OF HIS OWN. THEY HAD UNDOUBTEDLY
HOPED, BY REQUESTING HE VISIT ISRAEL FIRST, THAT HE WOULD
BRING SOME INDICATION OF FLEXIBILITY IN ISRAELI POSITION.

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IN ABSENCE OF SUCH GOOD TIDINGS, HOWEVER, THEY WERE PREPARED

TO WELCOME VISIT OF UNSYG AS A VEHICLE TO FOCUS INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON ME ISSUE, AND TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL LINKS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF EGYPTIAN ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING SADAT, AND WALDHEIM.

3. BY THESE STANDARDS EGYPTIANS WERE SATISFIED WITH VISIT. WALDHEIM MADE NO CONCESSIONS TO EGYPTIAN POSITION PUBLICLY, BUT DID SUGGEST THAT SC RES 242 WAS THE ONLY OPERATIVE AND MUTUALLY-AGREED-UPON DOCUMENT IN THE ME CRISIS (PARA 4, REFTEL). IN ACCORDANCE WITH EGYPTIAN DESIRE TO INVOLVE UN MORE ACTIVELY IN MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, EGYPTIANS SEEMED PLEASED TO HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXPOUND THEIR VIEWS IN PERSON TO UNSYG. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, A NUMBER OF EGYPTIANS EVINced DISTINCT HAPPINESS AT ISRAELI CONCERN OVER WALDHEIM'S GAFFS IN JERUSALEM, PARTICULARLY INCIDENT AT HOLOCAUST MONUMENT.

4. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD UNVERIFIED RUMORS THAT EGYPTIANS AND WALDHEIM TALKED IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PEACE CONFERENCE ON ME WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK.
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